



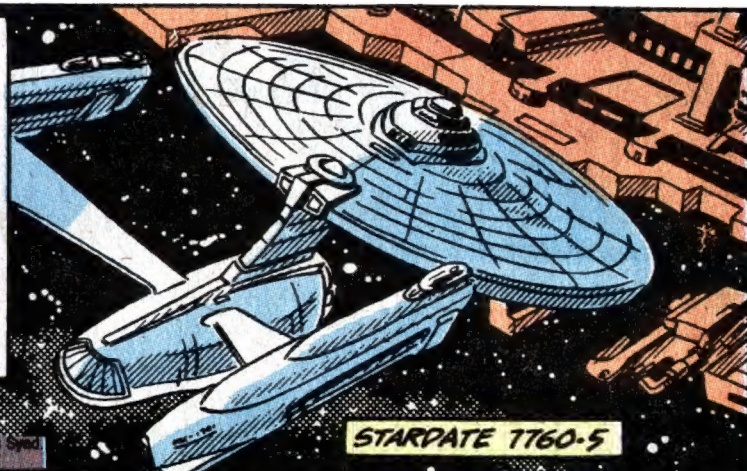
IN THE ENGINEERING SECTION OF THE ENTERPRISE...

MISTER SCOTT, THE CAPTAIN IS NOW ABOARD. REPORT TO THE BRIEFING ROOM AT 0900 HOURS.



WITH THE BEBEBEBEQUE COLONY NOW SAFELY TRANSPLANTED ON ANOTHER UNINHABITED WORLD, THE ENTERPRISE RETURNS TO STARFLEET COMMAND HEADQUARTERS...

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STARDATE 7760.5

IN THE ENTERPRISE BRIEFING ROOM...

AS YOU ALL KNOW, IT'S ADMIRAL NOGURA'S BIRTHDAY.

MY MEETING AT STARFLEET TODAY WAS TO OUTLINE OUR PART IN THE CELEBRATION...



Sharman DIVONO & RON HARRIS 7-13

THE ENTERPRISE AND FIVE OTHER VESSELS ARE GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN A RACE... A SORT OF SPACESHIP REGATTA!



THE RACE IS TO SEE HOW WELL THE CREWS OF THE STARSHIPS WORK TOGETHER UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE...

... I COULD HARDLY TELL THEM THAT THE CREW OF THE ENTERPRISE WOULDN'T WANT TO COMPETE... COULD I?



WELL... NO, SIR!

WE'LL SHOW THEM!

BESIDES, ADMIRAL NOGURA'S GRANDSON IS A STARFLEET ACADEMY CADET...



...IT WAS HIS IDEA!



STARDATE 7760.5:
TO CELEBRATE
ADMIRAL NOSURA'S
BIRTHDAY, A
GROUP OF CADETS
HEADED BY THE
ADMIRAL'S GRAND-
SON, KYOSHI,
HAVE ORGANIZED
A STARSHIP
REGATTA.

IN THE
ENTERPRISE
BRIEFING
ROOM...

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I THOUGHT SERIOUSLY
ABOUT REFUSING THE
THE INVITATION TO
ENTER THE RACE...

...BUT, SINCE
I KNOW THAT
MY CREW IS
THE BEST IN
STARFLEET...

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YER DARNED RIGHT WE ARE, CAPT'N, AN'
IT'LL BE THE HONOR O' THE ENTERPRISE
AT STAKE HERE!

I AGREE WITH
SCOTTY!

ME,
TOO!



AFTER THE
BRIEFING...

YOU'RE AMAZING, JIM!
10 MINUTES AGO THE
CREW WASN'T INTERESTED
IN THE IDEA OF A SPACE-
SHIP REGATTA...

NOW THEY'RE
ON FIRE
WITH
ENTHUSIASM!

DIDN'T I TELL YOU,
DOCTOR? I MAJORED IN
REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY
AT THE ACADEMY!

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JUST WHAT IS
THE PRIZE
WE'RE
COMPETING
FOR, CAPTAIN?

IT'S A SPECIAL
AWARD—PROBABLY
A PLAQUE OR A
CERTIFICATE OF
ACHIEVEMENT...



I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...
THE PRIZE IS HARDLY WORTH
THE EFFORT...

...BUT I THINK WE ALL COULD USE A
LIGHT DIVERSION LIKE THIS RACE TO
SHARPEN US UP!

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ABOARD THE ENTERPRISE, IN DRYDOCK AT STARFLEET HQ...



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...PREPARATIONS FOR THE REGATTA HAVE BEGUN.

TEST OF CONTROL CIRCUIT POSITIVE!

IF THERE'S A WAY TO SQUEEZE ONE MORE OUNCE O' SPEED OUTTA THESE ENGINES, I'VE GOTTA FIND IT!



YOU'RE IN MY LIGHT, MISTER!

SORRY!

OUCH! MY FINGER!

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ELSEWHERE, KIRK ALSO PREPARES...



I'M GLAD THE ADMIRAL'S BIRTHDAY HAS BROUGHT US TOGETHER, JIM!

A TOAST... TO THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION, VERA!



DIVONO - FERNY

THE BOLD VENTURE IS A GOOD SHIP, VERA...



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...RACING AGAINST YOU WILL BE... INTERESTING.



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I MEAN IT WHEN I SAY THAT I OWE GETTING THIS COMMAND TO YOU, JIM. YOU WERE A GOOD TEACHER.

ALL THE TIME YOU WERE IN MY CLASS AT THE ACADEMY, YOU WERE ACTUALLY LISTENING TO WHAT I SAID?



NOT AT FIRST. I HAD A CRUSH ON YOU, THE SAME AS THE OTHER GIRLS IN THE FRONT ROW!

DIVONO - FERNY

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THE ENTERPRISE IS IN DRYDOCK, JIM? YOU MUST HAVE HAD A ROUGH MISSION. HOW EXTENSIVE ARE THE REPAIRS?



WE HAD A BRUSH WITH THE KZINTI, AND...

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DIVONO-PEER



YOU ALMOST TRAPPED ME, VERA. I'D FORGOTTEN HOW SLICK YOU ARE AT GETTING YOUR OPPONENTS TO REVEAL THEIR WEAKNESSES!

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I'LL STOP THE POLITE FENCING... IF YOU WILL. IS IT ANY CRIME IF I WANT TO WIN THIS RACE?



NO... AND I HAVE TO ADMIT, A SIMILAR STRATEGY ENTERED MY MIND WHEN I ACCEPTED YOUR DINNER INVITATION!

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ON THE ENTERPRISE BRIDGE...

WHERE'S THE CAPTAIN?

HE HAD A DINNER ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CAPTAIN OF THE BOLD VENTURE...



... A FORMER STUDENT OF HIS AT THE ACADEMY.

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THAT CAN ONLY BE VERA DIMARCO!

SPOCK, YOU DON'T HAVE DINNER WITH A DALGORIAN WATER VIPER, YOU TRY TO KEEP IT FROM EATING YOU ALIVE!



REALLY, DOCTOR!

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DIVONO-PEER

MEANWHILE, IN THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS ABOARD THE BOLD VENTURE...

WHEN WE WERE AT THE ACADEMY, JIM, OUR TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP CREATED QUITE A SOCIAL GULF BETWEEN US..



... NOW, I'M A STARSHIP CAPTAIN...

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ABOARD THE BOLD VENTURE...

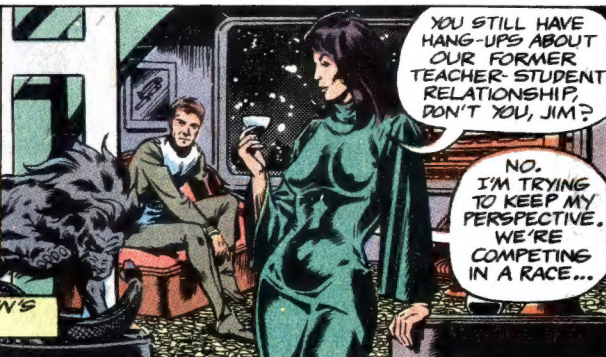


I THINK I'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE ENTERPRISE, VERA. THERE'S A LOT TO DO BEFORE THE RACE TOMORROW.



KIRK HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO A CANDLELIGHT SUPPER WITH VERA DIMARDO, CAPTAIN OF THE BOLD VENTURE, A SHIP COMPETING IN ADMIRAL NOGURA'S BIRTHDAY REGATTA...

IN THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS...



YOU STILL HAVE HANG-UPS ABOUT OUR FORMER TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP, DON'T YOU, JIM?

NO. I'M TRYING TO KEEP MY PERSPECTIVE. WE'RE COMPETING IN A RACE...

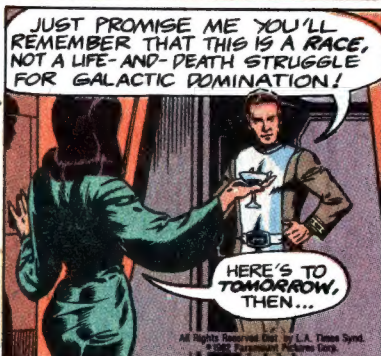


... AND THE ONE THING I'LL NEVER FORGET ABOUT YOU IS THAT WHILE MOST OF MY OTHER STUDENTS WORKED AT THEIR ASSIGNMENTS...

... YOU ATTACKED MINE!



AND WHERE ARE THE OTHERS TODAY? THEY'RE ANONYMOUS COGS IN THE STARFLEET MACHINE!



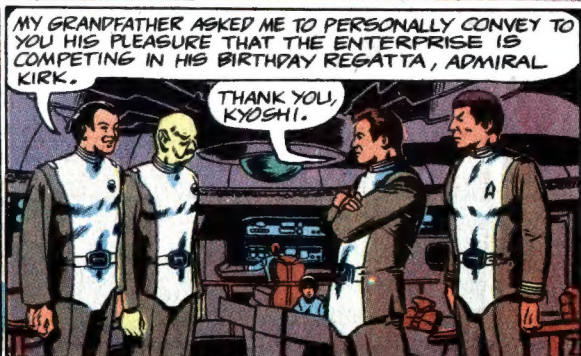
JUST PROMISE ME YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A RACE, NOT A LIFE-AND-DEATH STRUGGLE FOR GALACTIC DOMINATION!

HERE'S TO TOMORROW, THEN...

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Sharmar Divono
Ron Harris
7-25-82



MY GRANDFATHER ASKED ME TO PERSONALLY CONVEY TO YOU HIS PLEASURE THAT THE ENTERPRISE IS COMPETING IN HIS BIRTHDAY REGATTA, ADMIRAL KIRK.

THANK YOU, KYOSHI!

CADET KYOSHI NOGURA HAS COME ABOARD THE ENTERPRISE TO DISCUSS THE RULES OF THE REGATTA...

THERE'S ONE THING I DONNA UNDERSTAND...

THERE'RE AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT CLASSES O' SHIPS COMPETIN'!

IN THIS RACE, ENGINEER SCOTT, SPEED WON'T COUNT...

...INGENUITY WILL!

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TO INSURE THAT EACH SHIP HAS A FAIR CHANCE, REGARDLESS OF SIZE, YOU'VE ALL BEEN GIVEN A HANDICAP RATING.

BECAUSE ENTERPRISE IS WARP 12 CRUISER, SHE BE LAST TO CLOCK OUT.

THIS ENVELOPE ISN'T TO BE OPENED UNTIL YOU REACH THE FIRST CHECKPOINT, ADMIRAL.

IT'S YOUR TASK, WHICH YOU MUST COMPLETE IN ORDER TO WIN THE RACE!

WHY ALL THE SECRECY, KYOSHI?

THIS RACE CLOSELY APPROXIMATES A TYPE POPULAR ON EARTH 300 YEARS AGO WHEN THE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE WAS COMMON...

...I BELIEVE IT WAS CALLED A "RALLY". TO VIOLATE THE RULES OF SECRECY MEANT IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.

...AND SO IT DOES HERE!

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KYOSHI NOGURA AND THE OTHER STARFLEET ACADEMY CADETS FINISH THEIR BRIEFING OF THE ENTERPRISE CREW AND DEPART...



HOWEVER...

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ONE THING FASCINATES ME ABOUT YOUR REGATTA, KYOSHI...



HE PLANNED IT THAT WAY, URDISS...

... IT'S DESIGNED TO BRING OUT THE BEST AND THE WORST IN ALL PARTICIPANTS!



... THIS IS HIS PSYCHOLOGY TERM PROJECT!

ON THE ENTERPRISE, MEANWHILE...



NOTIFY ME WHEN IT'S OUR TURN, SPOCK. I'LL BE IN MY QUARTERS.

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IN HIS QUARTERS, KIRK BROODS OVER WHAT TASK THE CADETS HAVE IN STORE FOR THE ENTERPRISE...

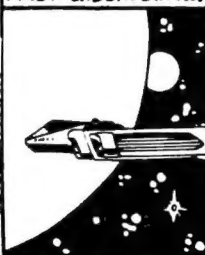


WHY AM I OBSESSED WITH WHAT'S IN THIS ENVELOPE? IT'S JUST A RACE!

SPOCK HERE, CAPTAIN. IT'S OUR TURN TO GO!

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MEANWHILE, THE CUTTER-CLASS SHIP, RIM EXPLORER, HAS REACHED THE FIRST CHECKPOINT...



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IT SAYS HERE THAT WE'RE TO PLOT A COURSE FOR THE HYDRA PACO SYSTEM...



... AND BRING BACK A DEEP-SEA BATFISH!

THAT SOUNDS EASY, CAPTAIN CLARK!



AS THE ENTERPRISE
WAITS FOR A SIGNAL
TO START THE
RACE...

SPOCK, WHEN DID
THE BOLD VENTURE
LEAVE?

SHE WAS
THE FOURTH
SHIP OUT,
CAPTAIN!

BUT CAPTAIN
DIMARCO, WE
WON'T REACH
THE FIRST
CHECKPOINT
FOR...

I DON'T
CARE ...

... IF WE CAN PLOT
OUR NEXT COURSE
BEFORE THE
CHECKPOINT, WE
CAN SAVE
PRECIOUS TIME!

THIS SHOULD BLOCK
THE LOCK'S SECURITY
SIGNAL JUST LONG
ENOUGH FOR US TO
PEEK AT OUR TASK,
CAPTAIN.

DIVONO
&
HARRIS

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TIME OUT -
0740 HOURS!

AHEAD
WARP 7!

AND WE'RE
OFF!

YAHOO!

MEANWHILE, SEVERAL LIGHT YEARS AWAY,
THE STARFLEET ACADEMY CADETS IN
CHARGE OF THE REGATTA ARE PREPARING
SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THE RACERS...

KYOGHI! THERE'S
A SHIP ON OUR
TAIL, CLOSING
FAST!

WE'RE NEARING THE
FREE TRADER LANES!
GIVE THE PREARRANGED SIGNAL!

THEY ACKNOWLEDGED IT!
PREPARE TO DOCK WITH
STATION!

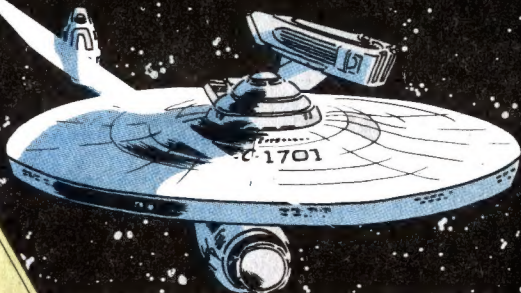
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AS KIRK PONDERES WHAT TASK MAY BE IN STORE FOR THE ENTERPRISE...



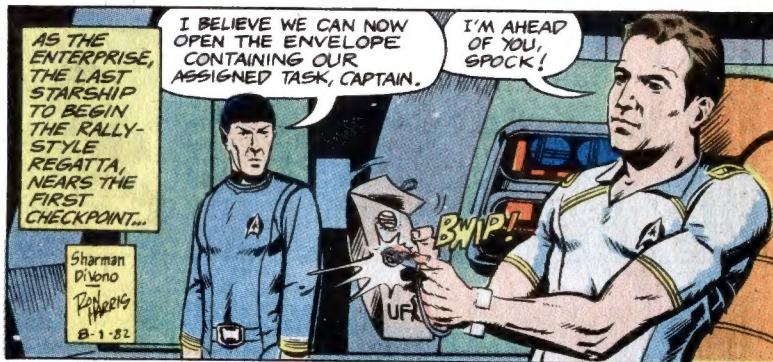
WE'RE COMING UP ON THE CHECKPOINT, CAPTAIN!

AS THE ENTERPRISE, THE LAST STARSHIP TO BEGIN THE RALLY-STYLE REGATTA, NEARS THE FIRST CHECKPOINT...

Sharmar
Divono
Ron Harris
8-1-82

I BELIEVE WE CAN NOW OPEN THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING OUR ASSIGNED TASK, CAPTAIN.

I'M AHEAD OF YOU, SPOCK!



THORIS AMARNIS SYSTEM... FOURTH PLANET...



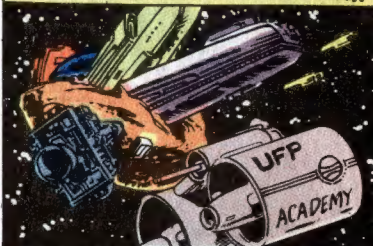
...WE'RE TO BRING BACK A THORIAN BLOOD ROCK!

THAT SYSTEM LIES WITHIN FREE TRADER LANES, CAPTAIN... A LOOSE ASSOCIATION OF...



...PIRATES, THIEVES, AND CRIMINALS! THE FEDERATION HAS BEEN TRYING TO CLEAN UP THAT AREA FOR YEARS WITH NO LUCK!

HOWEVER, UNKNOWN TO KIRK AND THE OTHER SHIPS IN THE REGATTA, THE CADETS IN CHARGE OF THE RACE HAVE PLANNED SOME SPECIAL HAZARDS TO MAKE THE TASK'S MORE DIFFICULT...



I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU'D BE READY WHEN THE SHIPS ARRIVE!



KID, I'M BEGINNIN' TO LIKE YA LESS AN' LESS! WE MADE A BARGAIN, AN' I INTEND TA KEEP MY HALF...

...MAKE SURE YA DO THE SAME!

THE FREE TRADERS DEAL WITH NON-PAYMENT IN A WAY YOU WON'T LIKE, KID...

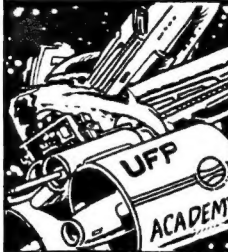
ON THE ENTERPRISE, A COURSE IS SET FOR THE THORIS AMARNIS SYSTEM, WHERE KIRK MUST OBTAIN A BLOOD ROCK TO FINISH THE REGATTA...

DO THE CADETS KNOW THAT THORIS AMARNIS LIES INSIDE THE FREE TRADER LANES, THE MOST PIRATE-INFESTED SECTOR OF FEDERATION SPACE?



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INDEED THEY DO, AND IT IS PART OF THEIR PLAN TO MAKE THINGS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR THE RACE PARTICIPANTS...



HERE'S HALF THE MONEY, STURDEVANT, LIKE WE AGREED...

...AND REMEMBER, WE DON'T WANT ANYONE KILLED... JUST DELAY THEM A LITTLE!



DELAY? WE'LL BE LAUGHED AT BY EVERY OTHER FREE TRADER IN THIS SYSTEM, KID!

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AT THE FREE TRADER BASE...

YOU KIDS WANT THE RACERS DELAYED, EH? WELL...



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...WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA, MISTER NOGURA! MY ASSOCIATES AND I HAD YOU CHECKED OUT, AND WE THINK YOUR GRANDFATHER WILL PAY A LOT TO GET YOU BACK!



WE'LL DO THE JOB YOU PAID US FOR FIRST, OF COURSE. WE ALWAYS KEEP OUR WORD!

DIVONO & HARRIS • 8-3

MEANWHILE, ON THE ENTERPRISE, HEADED FOR THE THORIS AMARNIS SYSTEM, KIRK CONSULTS WITH SPOCK ON THEIR RACE TASK...



HMM... THE COMPUTER CANNOT PROVIDE US WITH DATA ON THORIAN BLOOD ROCKS!

ON THE FREE TRADER BRIDGE...

THE CLOAKING DEVICE IS ACTIVATED, STURDEVANT- AND HERE COMES OUR FIRST VICTIM...



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...THIS'LL BE FUN!



MEANWHILE ON THE ENTERPRISE...

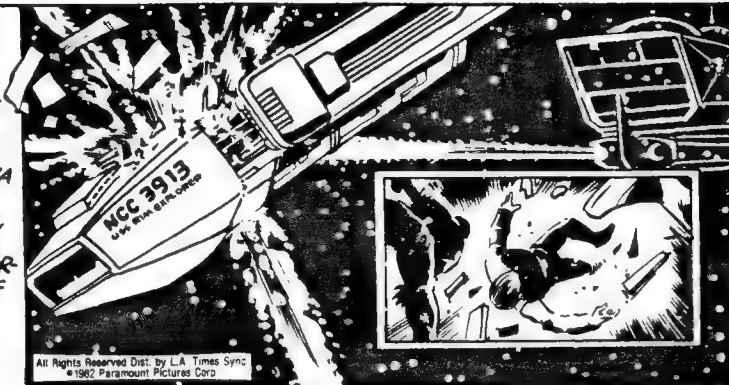
SPOCK, THERE'S SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THIS RACE...



INDEED...

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THE FREE TRADERS ACTIVATE THEIR CLOAKING DEVICE OUTSIDE THE HYDRA DACO SYSTEM, AND THE RIM EXPLORER IS THE FIRST TO FALL VICTIM...



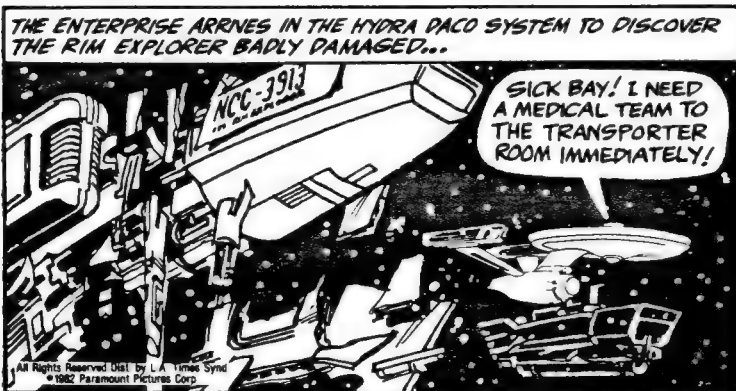
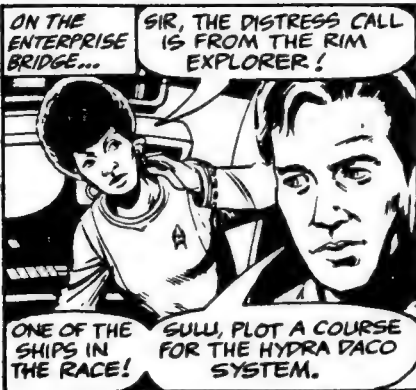
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ON THE ENTERPRISE, A FEW PARSECS AWAY...

SIR! I'M PICKING UP AN AUTOMATIC DISTRESS SIGNAL FROM A FEDERATION SHIP IN THE HYDRA DACO SYSTEM!



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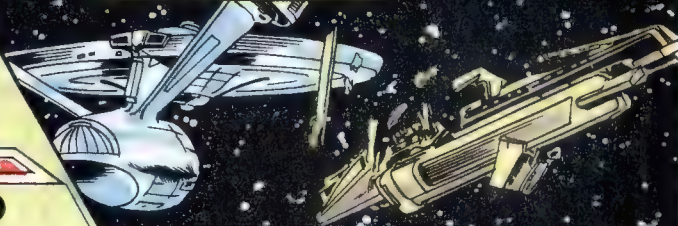


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AS THE DAMAGED SHIP
THE RIM EXPLORER, BEGINS
TO BREAK APART...



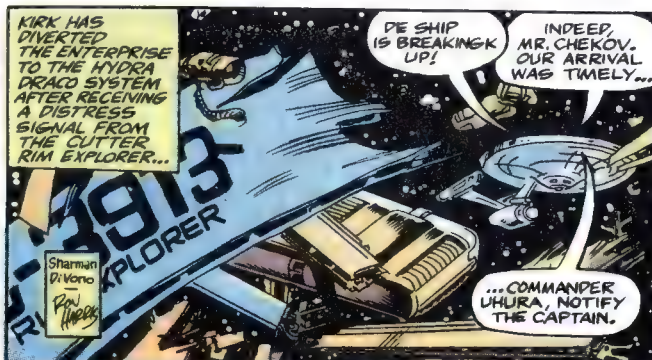
...THE BOARDING PARTY RETURNS
TO THE ENTERPRISE...

LET'S GET
'EM TO
SICK BAY!



KIRK HAS
DIVERTED
THE ENTERPRISE
TO THE HYDRA
DRACO SYSTEM
AFTER RECEIVING
A DISTRESS
SIGNAL FROM
THE CLUTTER
RIM EXPLORER...

Sharman
DiVono
Ron
Harris



THE SHIP
IS BREAKING
UP!

INDEED,
MR. CHEKOV.
OUR ARRIVAL
WAS TIMELY...

...COMMANDER
UHURA, NOTIFY
THE CAPTAIN.

IN THE
ENTERPRISE
SICK BAY,
KIRK
QUESTIONS
HIS OLD
FRIEND, BOB
CLARK, CAPTAIN
OF THE RIM
EXPLORER...



WE WERE
ATTACKED,
JIM! THAT
MUCH I'M
SURE OF...

...BUT OUR SENSORS
REGISTERED NO OTHER
VESSEL IN THE AREA...

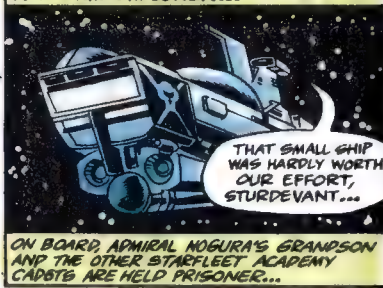
...EXCEPT
AFTER
WE WERE HIT!

...THEN, WE PICKED
UP THE BOLD VENTURES
SIGNAL FOR
A FEW SECONDS!



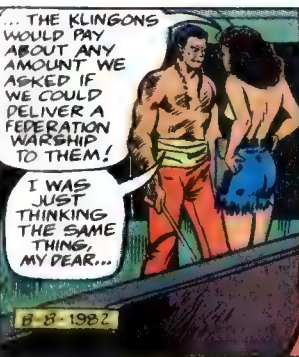
VERA DI MARCO
DIDN'T ACKNOWLEDGE
YOUR CALL FOR
HELP?!

MEANWHILE, THE FREE TRADERS REMAIN
IN THE AREA, THEIR SHIP HIDDEN BY THE
CLOAKING DEVICE WHICH PROVED FATAL
TO THE RIM EXPLORER...



THAT SMALL SHIP
WAS HARDLY WORTH
OUR EFFORT,
STURDEVANT...

ON BOARD, ADMIRAL NOGURA'S GRANDSON
AND THE OTHER STARFLEET ACADEMY
CAPTAINS ARE HELD PRISONER...



...THE KLINGONS
WOULD PAY
ABOUT ANY
AMOUNT WE
ASKED IF
WE COULD
DELIVER A
FEDERATION
WARSHIP
TO THEM!

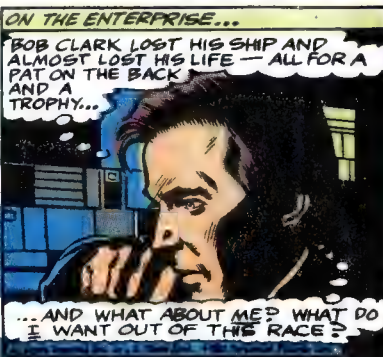
I WAS
JUST
THINKING
THE SAME
THING,
MY DEAR...

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WHAT'LL
WE DO,
KYOSHI?

I DIDN'T
PLAN FOR
ANYTHING
LIKE THIS
TO HAPPEN!



ON THE ENTERPRISE...

BOB CLARK LOST HIS SHIP AND
ALMOST LOST HIS LIFE — ALL FOR A
PAT ON THE BACK
AND A
TROPHY...

...AND WHAT ABOUT ME? WHAT DO
I WANT OUT OF THIS RACE?

WITH THE CREW OF THE RIM EXPLORER SAFELY ABOARD, THE ENTERPRISE CONTINUES ITS VOYAGE TO THE THORIS AMARN'S SYSTEM, UNAWARE THAT THE FREE TRADER SHIP IS FOLLOWING...



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IN SICK BAY...



THE SIGNAL FROM THE BOLD VENTURE MIGHT'VE BEEN A SENSOR GHOST... WHEN WE WERE HIT, ALL THE INSTRUMENTS WENT CRAZY!

WHAT BOTHERS ME IS THAT YOU NEVER SAW WHAT HIT YOU!

ON THE FREE TRADER...

THE KLINGONS'LL PAY ANYTHING TO GET THAT FEDERATION WARSHIP-DON'T LOSE IT!



DIVONO & HARRIS • 8-9

CAPTAIN'S LOG: STARDATE TTS9.3: THE ENTERPRISE IS IN ORBIT AROUND THORIS AMARN'S 4...



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LET'S GET DOWN TO THE SURFACE... THE SOONER WE FINISH THIS REGATTA, THE HAPPIER I'LL BE!



DIVONO & HARRIS • 8-10

AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE BOLD VENTURE, SEVERAL LIGHT YEARS AWAY...

AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN COMPETING IN THIS RACE AGAINST MY OLD TEACHER, JIM KIRK...

...BUT LATELY I'VE BEEN SEEING MYSELF THROUGH HIS EYES...

...AND I DON'T LIKE ME VERY MUCH! HAVE I LOST THE WILL TO WIN?



WILLIAMS

ON THE SURFACE OF THORIS AMARNIS 4...



WE'VE COME HUNDREDS OF LIGHT YEARS JUST TO WADE THROUGH A SWAMP!

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LOOK! IT'S A...



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... VILLAGE!



WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE THERE WAS NO CIVILIZATION ON THORIS AMARNIS 4! WE'VE BEEN TRICKED!

I QUITE AGREE!

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DIVONO & HARRIS - B-12

MEANWHILE...



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... THEY'RE DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING THE ENTERPRISE!

STURDEVANT, I'VE CONTACTED THE KLINGONS...

HEAR THAT, KID!

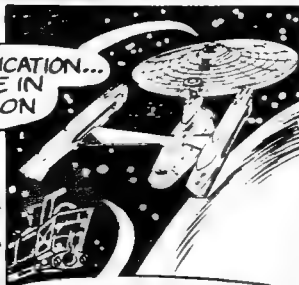
ON THE ENTERPRISE BRIDGE...

I'M PICKING UP A SUBSPACE COMMUNICATION... IT'S ORIGINATING FROM SOMEPLACE IN THIS AREA, BUT I CAN'T GET A FIX ON THE SOURCE!



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DIVONO/HARRIS • B-13



WE HAVE OUR BUYER, STURDEVANT! THE KLINGONS WANT TO KNOW WHEN WE CAN DELIVER THE ENTERPRISE TO 'EM!

MEANWHILE, ON THORIS AMARNIS 4...

THE BLOOD ROCKS APPEAR TO BE PART OF THE LOCAL ARCHITECTURE, CAPTAIN.



ON THORIS AMARNIS 4...



ACCORDING TO MY TRICORDER READINGS, CAPTAIN...

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...THE BLOOD ROCKS SUPPLY HEAT AND LIGHT TO THIS VILLAGE.

AND WE'RE BEING ASKED TO STEAL ONE!

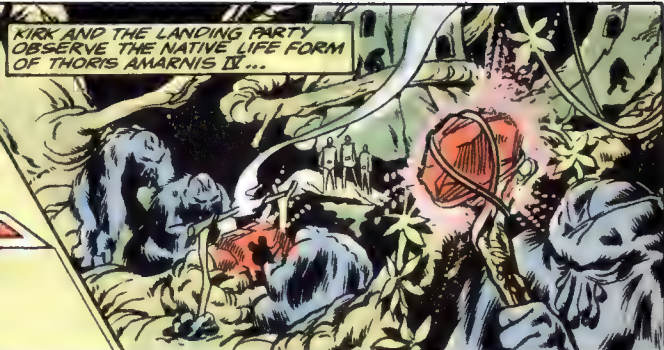
I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE A LABORATORY RAT IN A MAZE!



AYE, CAPT'N!

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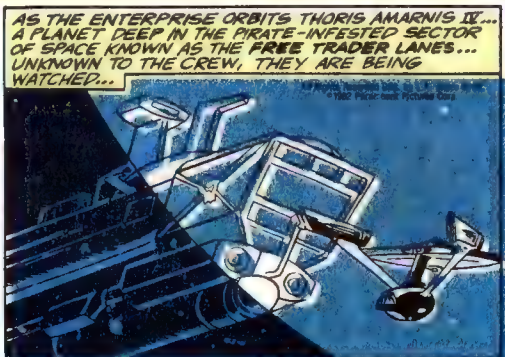
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KIRK AND THE LANDING PARTY
OBSERVE THE NATIVE LIFE FORM
OF THORIS AMARNIS IV...



IT'S LIKE
A... VILLAGE,
JIM!



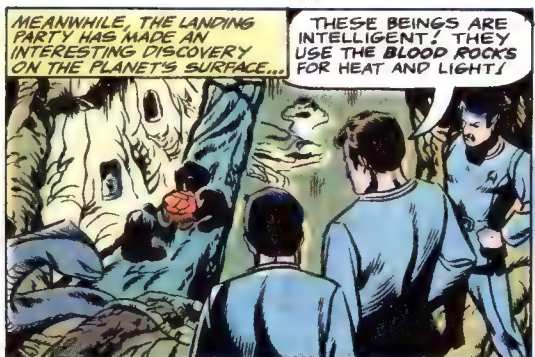
AS THE ENTERPRISE ORBITS THORIS AMARNIS IV...
A PLANET DEEP IN THE PIRATE-INFESTED SECTOR
OF SPACE KNOWN AS THE FREE TRADER LANES...
UNKNOWN TO THE CREW, THEY ARE BEING
WATCHED...



ABOARD THE PIRATE
VESSEL...
CAPTAIN STURDEVANT'S
MAKING A DEAL WITH THE
KLINGONS FOR THE
ENTERPRISE...



...THEN HE'LL DECIDE
ABOUT YOU. THE
KLINGONS MAY NOT
WANT A PACK OF
STARFLEET CAPTAINS
AS AN ADDED BONUS.



MEANWHILE, THE LANDING
PARTY HAS MADE AN
INTERESTING DISCOVERY
ON THE PLANET'S SURFACE...

THESE BEINGS ARE
INTELLIGENT! THEY
USE THE BLOOD ROCKS
FOR HEAT AND LIGHT!



WHAT HAVE I
GOTTEN US INTO?
THIS ISN'T A
FRIENDLY
COMPETITION...

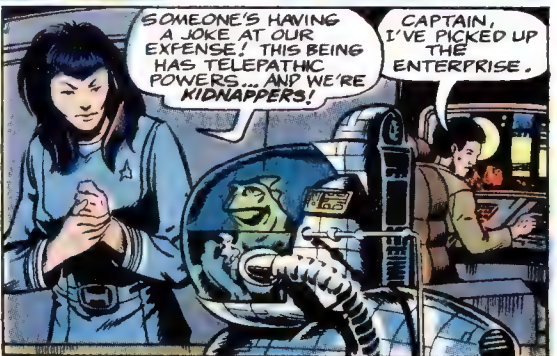
...IT'S SOME SORT
OF BEHAVIORAL LAB
EXPERIMENT... AND
WE'RE THE RATS!

INDEED,
CAPTAIN...



...TO WIN THE
REGATTA, WE ARE
BEING ASKED TO
COMMIT A CRIME!

AND AT
THAT
MOMENT,
ONLY A
FEW PARSECS
AWAY...
CAPTAIN
VERA D'AMARCO
OF THE
BOLD VENTURE
HAS ARRIVED
AT THE
SAME
CONCLUSION...



SOMEONE'S HAVING
A JOKE AT OUR
EXPENSE! THIS BEING
HAS TELEPATHIC
POWERS... AND WE'RE
KIDNAPPERS!

CAPTAIN,
I'VE PICKED UP
THE
ENTERPRISE.

SHARMAN
DIVONO
RON
HARRIS

ON THORIS AMARNIS 4...

I THINK THE LOCAL FOLKS'RE WAITIN' TO SEE WHAT WE'LL DO, CAPTAIN.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO STEAL FROM THEM, SCOTTY, WE'LL TRADE FOR THE BLOODROCKS!

MEANWHILE...

THE ENTERPRISE IS IN THE THORIS AMARNIS SYSTEM, CAPTAIN DIMARCO!

DIVERT OUR COURSE, HELMSMAN...

I NEED TO TALK WITH JIM KIRK ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS REGATTA!

WE'LL LOSE VALUABLE TIME, CAPTAIN!

AS THE BOLD VENTURE MANEUVERS INTO ORBIT AROUND THORIS AMARNIS 4...

STURDEVANT! ...ANOTHER FEDERATION WARSHIP!

THIS MAY PRESENT A PROBLEM.

WE MAY BE IN LUCK ...IF WE CAN GET OUT OF THIS FORCE FIELD.

HELLO BOLD VENTURE ... FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!

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WHAT DO YOU THINK SCOTTY?...YOU'RE THE EXPERT ON BARTERING.

THEIR COUNTER-PROPOSAL'S TOO HIGH, CAPT'N, BUT THEY'RE DEFINITELY INTERESTED!

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THIS IS A SIMPLE, OLD-STYLE FORCE-FIELD KYOSHI...

...WE CAN SHORT-CIRCUIT IT EASILY!

I REMEMBER HOW TO DO IT, TOO!

WE CAN'T TAKE BOTH STARSHIPS INTACT, STURGEVANT. WE'LL HAVE TO USE THE ROMULAN RAY ON ONE OF THEM.

WE PROMISED THE KLINGONS THEY'D GET THE ENTERPRISE... THAT'S THE ONE WE HAVE TO DELIVER! ...I DON'T LIKE GOING BACK ON A DEAL WITH THE KLINGONS!

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ON THE BRIDGE OF THE BOLD VENTURE..

THANKS, MR. SULU, WE'LL WAIT UNTIL YOUR CAPTAIN RETURNS FROM THE SURFACE.

VERA, WE'LL LOSE THE RACE!

WE GOT THE ENTERPRISE AND THE BOLD VENTURE INTO THIS ...

THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS REMOVE THE CLOAKING DEVICE SO THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO FIGHT THE FREE TRADERS!

WE'RE READY, KYOSHI!

MEANWHILE, ON THORIS AMARNIS 4...

WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS, SCOTTY... A "BARGAIN BASEMENT SALE" ... JUST MAKE A DEAL FOR ONE OF THE BLOOD ROCKS, AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

THE HONOR O' THE ENTERPRISE IS AT STAKE HERE, CAPT'N!

ON THE FREE TRADER, THE CADETS IMPLEMENT THEIR PLAN TO SHORT-CIRCUIT THE FORCE FIELD

LET'S DO IT!

WHAT THE...?

I'VE GOT THE CLOAKING DEVICE!

ON THE ENTERPRISE...

AND THE BOLD VENTURE ...

THE DEFLECTOR SHIELDS WENT UP!

THERE'S A SHIP OUT THERE!

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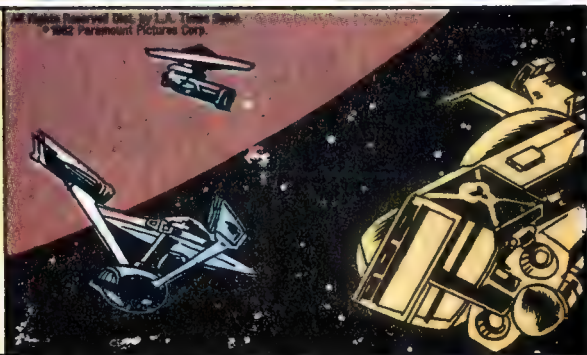
ABOARD THE
FREE TRADER
SHIP...

WE'RE VISIBLE TO THEIR SENSORS,
STURDEVANT! THEY KNOW
WE'RE HERE!



YOU
LITTLE...

KYOSHI NOGURA
AND HIS FRIENDS
HAVE RUINED
THE FREE
TRADERS'
CLOAKING
DEVICE. THE
ENTERPRISE
AND THE BOLD
VENTURE, IN
ORBIT AROUND
THORIS AMARNIS
FOUR, ARE NOW
AWARE OF THE
PIRATE SHIP...



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ON THE
SURFACE...

KEEP ME INFORMED,
MISTER SULL, AND
PUT ME THROUGH TO
VERA DIMARCO ON
THE BOLD VENTURE.



YES, JIM, IT'S A FREE TRADER
SHIP! I JUST GOT A COMMUNI-
CATION FROM THEM...

...THEY'VE GOT ADMIRAL
NOGURA'S GRANDSON AND
HIS FRIENDS!



YEAH, BOLD VENTURE, WE'RE WILLING
TO SELL 'EM BACK TO YOU! BUT IF
YOU MAKE ONE FALSE MOVE,
THEY'RE DEAD!

UHHH...
STURDEVANT,
WE HAVE A
PROBLEM...



... THE KLINGONS HAVE JUST TRANSFERRED
PAYMENT TO OUR ACCOUNT ON BETA 5!
BY OUR LAWS, THEY'VE JUST BOUGHT
THEMSELVES A FEDERATION WARSHIP...

... WHICH WE
CAN'T DELIVER
TO THEM!

ON THORIS AMARNIS...

SULU, HAVE THE FREE TRADERS TOLD YOU WHAT THEY WANT IN EXCHANGE FOR KYOSHI NOGURA?

NO, BUT CAPTAIN DIMARCO IS HANDLING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

MEANWHILE...

STURDEVANT, WE PROMISED THE KLINGONS A FEDERATION WARSHIP, AND YOU SOLD THEM THE ENTERPRISE...



...THEY'VE ALREADY TRANSFERRED THE PAYMENT TO OUR ACCOUNT ON BETA 5! BY FREE TRADER LAW WE HAVE TO DELIVER!

AND IF WE DON'T, THEY'LL HUNT US DOWN!



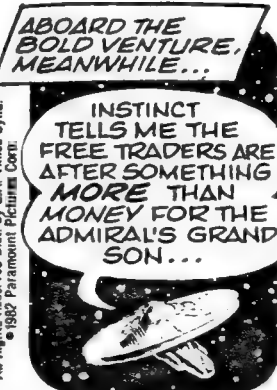
ONCE WE PAY THE RANSOM FOR KYOSHI AND HIS FRIENDS, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT THE FREE TRADERS WILL RELEASE THEM.

I AGREE.

THEY ARE OUT-NUMBERED, AND WITHOUT SUFFICIENT WEAPONRY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. THE HOSTAGES ARE THEIR ONLY HOPE OF ESCAPE.



I HAVE TO GET ABOARD THAT FREE TRADER SHIP!



ABOARD THE BOLD VENTURE, MEANWHILE...

INSTINCT TELLS ME THE FREE TRADERS ARE AFTER SOMETHING MORE THAN MONEY FOR THE ADMIRAL'S GRAND-SON...



...IF WE KNEW WHERE THE CADETS ARE BEING HELD, WE COULD GET THEM OUT !!

VERA, YOU'RE NOT THINKING WHAT I THINK YOU'RE THINKING. ...ARE YOU?

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IN THE TRANSPORTER ROOM OF THE BOLD VENTURE...

WHEN I GET ABOARD THE FREE TRADERS' SHIP, I'LL SIGNAL THE CADETS' COORDINATES TO YOU.

THIS RACE HAS CHANGED YOU SOMEHOW. VERA...

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BE HEROIC.

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I KNOW. I THINK IT WAS THE INCIDENT WITH THE RIM EXPLORER THAT DID IT...

...FOR ALL WE KNOW, WE LEFT THEM TO DIE!

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ON THORIS AMARNIS 4...

TRANSPORTER ROOM, BEAM ME TO THE CARGO HOLD OF THE FREE TRADER SHIP.

GOOD LUCK, JIM.

ON THE BRIDGE OF THE FREE TRADER SHIP...

STURDEVANT, I'VE GOT THE FIRST OFFICER OF THE BOLD VENTURE ON THE RADIO... THE FEDERATION WANTS TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE WANT FOR THE CADETS.

STALL 'EM!

...I HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO TELL THE KLINGONS SO THEY DON'T COME LOOKING FOR US!

BUT, IN THE CARGO HOLD...

WELCOME, JIM!
VERA!

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IN THE CARGO HOLD OF THE
FREE TRADER SHIP...

ALL CLEAR
OUT HERE,
JIM!

THIS THORIAN BLOOD-
ROCK WILL MAKE THINGS
LIVELY AROUND HERE IN
A FEW MINUTES!

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STURDEVANT, THE
TEMPERATURE IN
NUMBER TWO
CARGO HOLD
HAS GONE
WAY UP!

GO
CHECK
IT OUT.

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NICE WORK,
VERA!... THAT
SHOULD EVEN
THE ODDS A
LITTLE!

THOK!

WHERE'S
CHARLIE
?

YOU SENT
HIM TO CHECK
OUT CARGO HOLD
NUMBER TWO, A
WHILE AGO...
I'LL GO CHECK
ON HIM.

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WHAT'S
THAT
THING
...?

TIME
TO MAKE
OUR MOVE
ON THE
BRIDGE!

UGH!

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STURDEVANT...
MELKIS AND
CHARLIE HAVEN'T
COME OUT OF
THE CARGO
HOLD.

IF VA WANT
SOMETHIN'
DONE RIGHT
AROUND HERE,
VA GOTTA DO
IT YOURSELF,
IT SEEMS!

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ON THE
FREE TRADER
SHIP...

STURDEVANT, THE TEMPERATURE IN
NUMBER 2 CARGO HOLD IS REALLY
GOING UP! THERE'S SOMETHING
WRONG!

I'LL CHECK
IT OUT!

MELKIS AND CHARLIE HAVEN'T
COME OUT OF THERE YET...
THERE CERTAINLY IS
SOMETHING WRONG!

KIRK AND
VERA D'MARCO
HAVE BEAMED
ABOARD THE
FREE TRADER
SHIP TO
RESCUE
KYOSHI
NOGURA AND
HIS FRIENDS...

JIM! I HEAR SOMEONE
ELSE COMING!

BRINGING THAT
THORIAN BLACK
ROCK UP HERE WAS
A GOOD IDEA...

...THEIR INSTRUMENTS
ARE PROBABLY GOING
CRAZY FROM THE HEAT
IT'S GENERATING!

ALL RIGHT!
WHAT'S GOING
ON IN...

WHERE'S
KYOSHI
NOGURA?

I... I SURRENDER!
DON'T SHOOT!

HOURS LATER, AS THE ENTERPRISE
AND THE BOLD VENTURE LEAVE
THOR'S AMARNIS 4...

I NEVER SAW SOMEONE SO HAPPY
TO BE PUT IN THE BRIG AS
STURDEVANT WAS!

I GUESS
HE PREFERS
JAIL TO
TELLING THE
KLINGONS
THAT HE
CAN'T SELL
THEM THE
ENTERPRISE!

ONE THING'S
FOR SURE...
BY NOW, YOUR
FRIENDLY
LITTLE RACE
IS OVER,
KYOSHI.

MAYBE
NOT,
JIM...

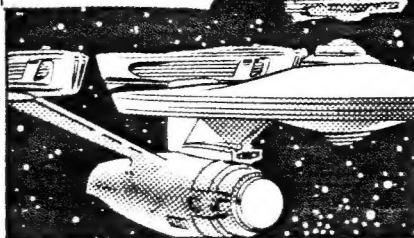
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY
TO THE BOLD VENTURE
AND THE ENTERPRISE
HAVING THEIR OWN
PRIVATE RACE?

YOUR CREW AGAINST
MINE? NO TRICKS
THIS TIME - JUST
AN HONEST TEST
OF SKILL?

YOU'RE
ON!

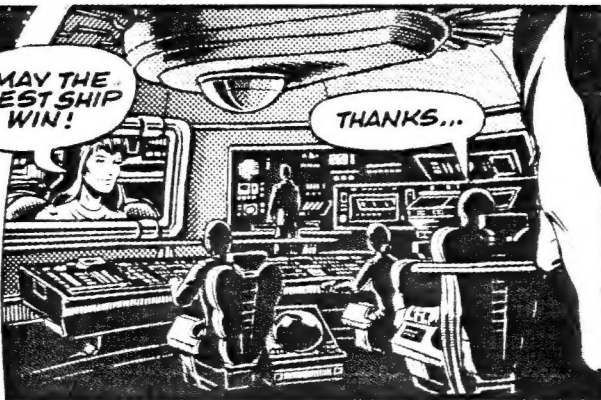


AFTER RESCUING KYOSHI NOGURA AND THE OTHER ACADEMY CADETS FROM THE FREE TRADERS, KIRK AND VERA DIMARCO DECIDE TO RACE AGAINST EACH OTHER



MAY THE BEST SHIP WIN!

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THANKS...

...WE WILL!



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THE ENTERPRISE AND THE BOLD VENTURE ARE RACING TO THE FINISH OF ADMIRAL NOGURA'S BIRTHDAY REGATTA...

WE'RE AT WARP 10.5...

GOING TO WARP 11!



WHILE ON THE BOLD VENTURE...

THE ENTERPRISE IS PULLING AHEAD!



CAPTAIN DIMARCO NEEDS MORE SPEED, YOU MONKEYS!

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AS THE ENTERPRISE REACHES
THE FINISH LINE

U.S.S.
ENTERPRISE,
YOUR TIME IS
29 HOURS.

THE ENTERPRISE AND THE
BOLD VENTURE WERE THE
LAST TO FINISH THE RACE.
...THERE'S NO REWARD,
AND YET...

THE PERSONAL
VICTORY IS WORTH
MORE TO US THAN
ANY PLAQUE, KYOSHI.

...THAT'S WHY
I THINK I HAVE
THE BEST CREW
IN STARFLEET!

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CONGRATULATIONS, JIM!
YOUR CREW DID A
SPLENDID JOB...

...WOULD THE
WINNER CARE TO
BUY THE LOSER
DINNER IN CHINA-
TOWN TONIGHT
?

I'D
LOVE TO,
VERA...

...BUT I DON'T
THINK THERE
WERE ANY
LOSERS
IN THIS
RACE!

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